

**CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
COUNTY COUNCIL MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING  
July 11, 2012 ..... 9:00 A.M.**

**PRESENT:** Chairman J. Matthew Rivers, Vice-Chair Lenora V. Powe, Council Members: Kenneth A. Johnson, G. Franklin Plyler, Bruce E. Rivers, Robert G. Cole, Gerald L. Miller, Douglas A. Curtis and Crawford Moore.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Denise Douglass – Administrator; Susie Boswell – Clerk to Council; Michelle Stanley – Finance Director; C. Heath Ruffner – County Attorney; Leighton Bell – The Link; Gary Phillips – Pageland Progressive Journal; Karen Kissiah – The Cheraw Chronicle and Deepal S. Eliatamby – Alliance Consulting Engineers and the Honorable Roger E. Henderson. There were others attending the meeting who did not sign the sign-in-sheet.

**CALL TO ORDER AND PRAYER**

Chairman J. Matthew Rivers welcomed everyone and Council Vice-Chair Powe asked Council Member Bruce E. Rivers to open the meeting with prayer.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Council Member Curtis made a motion to adopt the July 11, 2012 regular meeting agenda. Council Member Cole seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**June 6, 2012 - Regular Meeting**

Council Member Miller made a motion to approve the June 6, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes. Council Member Plyler seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**June 27, 2012 – Special Meeting**

Council Member Plyler made a motion to approve the June 27, 2012 Special Meeting Minutes. Council Member Moore seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**SIGNING OF BONDS, PAYROLL, AND AUTHORIZATIONS**

None

## **APPOINTMENTS**

a. **The Honorable Judge Roger E. Henderson** The Honorable Judge Roger E. Henderson appeared before Council and advised Council that he had been appointed to serve as Chairman of the Chesterfield County Standing Court Security Committee and that they had met about three or four years ago and again just recently. The Honorable Judge

Henderson briefed Council on the security of the Courthouse and advised Council of some changes that needed to be made to better secure the Courthouse.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

## **ORDINANCE READINGS AND RESOLUTIONS**

### **a. 2012 Tax Anticipation Note Ordinance – 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading**

Council Member Moore made a motion to pass 3<sup>rd</sup> reading. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **a. Building Committee – Committee Chair Plyler**

Advised Council that for years they had been discussing the possibility of making the courthouse a judicial center. Also stated that the Western Auto Building across the street had been purchased by the County. Council Member Plyler advised Council that he had talked with Alliance Consulting Engineers and that they were going to go around and look at all three buildings and see what they could come up with as far as turning the courthouse into a judicial center and turning another building into county offices. He advised that the Building Committee was going to work on this and come back to Council with a recommendation.

### **Chairman J. Matthew Rivers:**

Suggested that the Building Committee look at all options, especially after hearing what the Honorable Judge Henderson had to say. Chairman Rivers also suggested that the Building Committee engage experts for advice. Chairman Rivers stated that Council needed to take a vote to empower the Building Committee to engage the necessary professionals they need to consult with to develop a plan to bring back to Council and that all of Council had a responsibility to work with the Building Committee.

Chairman J. Matthew Rivers made motion that would permit the Building Committee to go forward with plans from square one and for the Building Committee to come back with options for Council and that the Building Committee would have the ability to utilize those monies how they deemed proper to develop a plan. Council Vice-Chair Powe seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

## **ITEMS SUBMITTED BY COUNCIL**

None

## **ITEMS SUBMITTED BY STAFF**

### **a. Tax Anticipation Note Bid Award- Administrator Douglass**

Administrator Douglass presented Council with the bids for the Tax Anticipation Note. These bids were due back to us by 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, July 10, 2012. We received two bids, one bid from Carolina Bank with an interest rate of 1.85%. The second bid was from BB&T with an interest rate of 1.25%. It is the recommendation of our bond attorney to accept the bid from BB&T at an interest rate of 1.25% to be paid back by March 15, 2013.

Council Member Moore made a motion to award bid to BB&T at an interest rate of 1.25% to be paid back by March 15, 2013. Council Member Curtis seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous. Motion passed.

### **b. Human Resource Director Introduction – Administrator Douglass**

Administrator Douglass announced to Council that Heather Orr is the new Human Resource Director and presented Council with some background information on Ms. Orr.

#### **Heather Orr**

Advised Council that she was thrilled to be back in Chesterfield County and thanked Council for allowing her the opportunity. Advised Council that she looked forward to working with them and if she could ever be of assistance to any of them to let her know.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Council Member Johnson**

None

### **Council Member Moore**

None

### **Council Member Bruce E. Rivers**

None

### **Council Member Miller**

None

**Council Chair J. Matthew Rivers**

None

**Council Vice-Chair Powe**

None

**Council Member Curtis**

Stated that as everyone was aware, we've had several bad storms come through the county over the last couple of weeks, especially in the Jefferson and Pageland areas and that utility companies were tacked to the max, so was the road department. He stated that the Sheriff's Department helped in clearing roads to help get the power companies to their customers and anybody that might have been in need of fire and EMS. Council Member Curtis stated that he would like to, with Council's permission, move forward with talking to the three electric companies that we have in the county to try and form a consortium so they could work closer together and perhaps have a Strike Team that could move out with small versatile equipment to help clear these roadways even faster with the electric companies help and financial support. He advised that this had been done in other counties and it would have to be done through Harold Hainey's Office.

**Chairman J. Matthew Rivers**

Stated that he didn't see a problem with this if Council Member Curtis worked with Administrator Douglass and Harold Hainey on this.

**Council Member Cole**

None

**Council Member Plyler**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council did not enter Executive Session.

**ADJOURN**

Council Member Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Council Vice-Chair Powe seconded the motion. Voting in favor of the motion was unanimous.

**APPROVED:**

**ATTEST:**

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J. MATTHEW RIVERS, CHAIRMAN  
DATE: August 1, 2012

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SUSIE BOSWELL  
CLERK TO COUNCIL

